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EXT : 707-8
DATE : 24 JUNE 1954

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FROM: DIRECTOR

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1. WE NOW PREPARED AUTHORIZE BOMBING SPECIFIC TARGETS IN ADAM AREA ~~EX~~ YOU AND JMBLUG FEEL THIS NOW THE MOST EFFECTIVE MOVE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS. TARGETS SHOULD BE SELECTED WITH A VIEW TO HAVING DESIRED EFFECT ON ARMY AND REGIME MORALE WITH MINIMUM POLITICAL COST TO PERHIME.

2. IN ORDER MEET THIS CONDITION TARGETS MUST BE:

A. RECOGNIZED AS LEGITIMATE MILITARY OBJECTIVES,

B. SO LOCATED AND OF SUCH A CHARACTER THAT ATTACK WOULD INVOLVE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM RISK NUMEROUS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AND MINIMUM RISK LARGE SCALE CASUALTIES TO TROOPS NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ACTIVE OPERATION AGAINST REBELS.

C. CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE.

3. YOUR PROPOSED TARGET FORTRESS MATAMORAS WOULD SEEM TO MEET THESE CONDITIONS IF [] INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND RELIABLE THAT THIS STRUCTURE NOW USED FOR STORAGE ARMS AND AMMO AND IF LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS NOT QUARTERED THERE.

4. OTHER APPROPRIATE TARGET FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: PETROLEUM STORAGE IN ADAM. JUDGING FROM AIR PHOTO, TANKS ARE FAIRLY REMOTE FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS. DIRECT HIT WOULD PRODUCE SPECTACULAR RESULTS. DESTRUCTION PETROLEUM RESERVES IN

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ADAM COMBINED WITH SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS STORAGE AT BOND AND IKE WOULD HAVE PARALYZING EFFECT ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN WSBURNT.

5. AS BETWEEN THE TWO TARGETS, OUR PREFERENCE IS FOR MATAMORAS IF SURE ABOUT ITS USE AS ARSENAL SINCE THIS IS CLEARLY MILITARY TARGET AND DESTRUCTION WOULD HAVE MINIMUM EFFECT ON CIVILIANS. IF INFORMATION ABOUT UTILIZATION DOUBTFUL, RECOMMEND PETROLEUM STORAGE.

6. YOU ARE HEREBY GRANTED AUTHORITY ATTACK EITHER TARGET OR BOTH. WHICHEVER SELECTED, VITALLY IMPORTANT AVOID WIDE MISS RESULTING IN HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. ACCORDINGLY, PILOT SHOULD BE ORDERED TAKE NO CHANCES IF VISIBILITY POOR.

7. BELIEVE WILL BE DESTRABLE, IF ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL AND EFFECTIVE, TO FOLLOW

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UP WITH LEAFLET DROP EMPHASIZING:

- A. THAT ONLY MILITARY TARGETS WERE ATTACKED.
- B. TARGETS CHOSEN TO MINIMIZE EVEN MILITARY CASUALTIES,
- C. USUAL LINE THAT LIBERATION FORCES OPPOSING REGIME, NOT ARMY AND THAT ARMY CAN PREVENT REGRETTABLE DAMAGE TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BY HELPING TO LIBERATE THE COUNTRY.

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